



“Mindanawons of all cultural or socioeconomic backgrounds shall have attained a sustainable uplifted quality of life through their collective achievement of a peaceful, developed, and integrated Mindanao that will be the vanguard for the country’s sustainable development.”
- Mindanao 2020 Peace and Development Framework Plan

The **Mindanao Development Authority** or **MinDA** is a government agency created through Republic Act 9996. It is mandated to promote, coordinate and facilitate the active and extensive participation of all sectors to effect socioeconomic development of Mindanao. It also acts as the Philippine Coordinating Office (PCOBE) for the Brunei Darussalam Indonesia Malaysia the Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA), ensuring the active participation of Mindanao and Palawan in the sub-regional economic cooperation.



What we do

MinDA provides strategic planning and programming of the various peace and socioeconomic development programs and projects throughout the island-region. The agency mobilizes resources and implements programs that are needed to stir peace and development in Mindanao.

It formulates an integrated development framework for Mindanao that is in line with the peace and development thrusts of the national government. It also promotes investments in Mindanao, while coordinating with relevant stakeholders for the deliberation of policies concerning Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA.

MinDA also advocates for the adoption and approval of policies that are geared towards Mindanao’s development and are necessary for the enhanced participation of the Philippines in BIMP-EAGA. All in all, it provides the overall direction for Mindanao.

Our Vision

Our vision is to become the vanguard institution that provides strategic leadership in pursuing a peaceful, integrated, and globally competitive Mindanao, and ensures that the benefits of its sustainable development are equitably shared and enjoyed by a culturally diverse, empowered, and united Mindanawons.

Our Mission

Our mission is to serve as Mindanao’s lead agency in coordinating and integrating development efforts that bring about accelerated socio-economic development of Mindanao. We shall carry out this mission through the active and extensive participation of all sectors in this development process. We are committed to upholding standards for service excellence, good governance and inclusive leadership in achieving the aspirations and vision of all Mindanawons.

Mindanao 2020

The Mindanao 2020 Peace and Development Framework Plan aims to transform Mindanao into a dynamic island-economy that focuses on strengthening drivers of sustainable growth to bring about inclusive development across the region. It aims to achieve the following:

- Definite and lasting peace in Mindanao.
- Overall well-being of Mindanawons marked by good health, ample education, and social cohesion.
- A unified, dynamic, and sustainable Mindanao economy.
- A participatory and culture-sensitive Mindanao governance and political framework that asserts self-reliance and self-determination.
- Active and synergistic international economic, cultural and political linkages, with ASEAN and Asian neighbors, the Middle East, and the rest of the world.



MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Thrusts and Flagship Programs

BIMP-EAGA

The BIMP-EAGA, as a strategy, aims to increase trade, tourism, and investments among its focus areas through the facilitation of free movement of people, goods, and services; sharing of common infrastructure and natural resources; and the pursuing of economic complementation. One of the main goals of the sub-region is to strengthen sea, air and land linkages such as the opening the **Davao - General Santos - Bitung RORO project**, a flagship program under the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

Inclusive Business Growth Program

MinDA's Inclusive Business Growth Program aims to increase private sector investment in lagging areas with high incidence of poverty and low human development index. It is anchored on agribusiness development with emphasis on industry commodities such as cacao, coffee, oil palm, and coconut. The program also supports the development of **Islamic Financing** through BIMP-EAGA and extending to the Bangsamoro areas in Mindanao.

Investment Promotion and Facilitation, and the Halal Industry

MinDA facilitates the promotion and marketing of inter-regional, intra-regional, and Mindanao-wide trade and investment opportunities to BIMP-EAGA and other international markets. One of the goals of MinDA is to make Mindanao as the **Philippine Halal Center** by promoting the market and by encouraging private sector players to participate in the industry.

The Mindanao Development Corridors

The Mindanao Development Corridors is a key spatial strategy that will pave the pathway for a connected and globally competitive Mindanao through transport and logistics infrastructure, shipping, aquaculture, and agri-based industry development, tourism, investments facilitation, food security, and policies conducive to economic activities and effective institutions that will foster inclusive growth. The **Mindanao Railway System** is one of the major projects of the government under the framework of the Mindanao Development Corridors. Other thrusts include the development of Agro Industrial Economic Zones and the establishment of Marine Merchant Naval Academy and School of Oceanology, among others.

The Mindanao Nurturing Our Waters (MindaNOW) Program

The MindaNOW! program serves as an overarching advocacy and coordination platform for all sectors in adopting ridge-to-reef approach in planning as well as integrated implementation of watershed and riverbasin management programs in Mindanao. Among the major thrusts of the program are the development of Mindanao's river basins and the sustainable management of the region's watersheds such as the protection and sustainable management of the **Lake Lanao Watershed**.

Mindanao Power Development Program

With strong push for Renewable Energy development, power development is among the flagship programs pursued to realize a regime of reliable, sustainable and affordable power in Mindanao, targeting availability of additional capacity **2,000 megawatts** by 2030.

Cacao Double-Up Program

The Cacao Double-Up Program focuses on scaling up the current cocoa production capacity of Mindanao by intercropping 200 million cacao trees in various coconut plantations around the island-region, promoting inclusive growth among small holder farmers and community-based enterprises.

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Accomplishment REPORT 2010 - 2016



This report from the Mindanao Development Authority or MinDA highlights three major points: first, Mindanao is so much different as compared to what it was six years ago and this positive transformation underpins the importance of implementing the right strategies for development. Second, there is a need to adequately document and communicate this transformation because it provides a blueprint of what works and what does not work for Mindanao. And third, there are things needed to be done in the immediate, medium, and long term to ensure that Mindanao continues on the fast lane to progress.

Mindanao: 2010 – Present

Mindanao's transformation from a laggard into a competitive economy wasn't easy.

Despite difficulties, the island-region has managed to gain strides in both social and economic sectors. From a meager budget appropriation of only P101 billion in 2001, the current budget for Mindanao in 2016 is P381 billion. The Philippine Government poured a total of P262 billion in Mindanao for infrastructure in the past six years, which is in stark contrast to the P150 billion spent in Mindanao during the 13-year combined terms of the past two administrations from 1997 to 2010. Education spending per capita in Mindanao is at P3,662 in 2015, more than a six-fold increase from only P532 in 1990.

In 2014, Mindanao posted a GRDP growth rate of 7.4 percent - much higher than the 6.1 percent GDP growth rate for the

same year. This is definitely a huge improvement from the 5.1 percent average in 2001 to 2009, and double the averages from 1992 to 2001. Mindanao achieved all these despite the natural and man-made challenges that the island-region went through in the past six years.

MinDA and the Mindanao 2020

To accomplish MinDA's goals, the agency follows the strategies and directions set in place in the Mindanao 2020 Peace and Development Framework Plan. Mindanao 2020 is considered as the region's socioeconomic roadmap for 2011 to 2030. The plan focuses on strengthening drivers of inclusive and sustainable growth to bring about a vibrant Mindanao economy.



Mindanao Development Corridors

Immediately after MinDA's creation, the agency started looking for a strategy that will stimulate the development of industries. This was only possible if the infrastructure and logistics support and the right policy environment conducive for business to thrive were in place. To address these requirements, MinDA pushed for the Mindanao Development Corridors program as the blueprint for accelerated growth in Mindanao.

Currently, the corridors program is now part of the updated Philippine Development Plan and over the past years, the strategy has been endorsed by key national government offices such as NEDA, DPWH, DOTC, DA, DOST and the NTC. The Confederation of Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors' Leagues Presidents of Mindanao or Confed-Mindanao also endorsed the program.

We also saw the approval of key connectivity projects in Mindanao including the Digos-Malita-Don Marcelino-Jose Abad

Santos Road, the Panguil Bay Bridge, and the Davao City Bypass Road.

The past six years saw the development of Public-Private Partnerships for commercially viable infrastructure projects with the Davao Port Modernization, Laguindingan Airport Development, and the Davao International Airport Development currently under procurement for PPP.

Recently, the Mindanao 2020 and the Mindanao Development Corridors were included as part of the Strategic Fit Criteria for identification and programming of roads in Mindanao under the Improving National Roads for Inclusive Growth in Mindanao Project of the DPWH and the Asian Development Bank.

MinDA, DPWH and NEDA are now jointly planning and programming Mindanao-wide, inter-regional and other strategic roads and flood control projects. This means that MinDA takes a more active role in ensuring that priority projects are budgeted and implemented.





Mindanao Power Development

During MinDA's early years, the agency was confronted with Mindanao's power problems. It immediately organized a Mindanao Power Summit in 2012 which gave birth to the creation of the Mindanao Power Monitoring Committee or MPMC.

Accomplishments achieved by MPMC so far include the rehabilitation of the Agus and Pulangi Hydro Complexes that provide about 54 percent of Mindanao's power, and the re-opening of the Iligan Diesel Power Plant, whose full rehabilitation added 98 megawatts from its installed capacity. A resource assessment and mapping project was conducted in partnership with USAID-Philippines, while a Mindanao modular generator sets program was implemented to bridge Mindanao's power gaps.

To accelerate the approval of permits for renewal energy projects, MinDA opened the One-Stop Facilitation and Monitoring Center or OSFMC to cut down the processing and approval of projects to one or two years from the average of three to five years.

So far, the OSFMC is facilitating and monitoring a total of 274 renewable energy projects with a combined potential capacity of 3,384.96 megawatts. MinDA is also looking into the viability of investments in small hydro and biomass generation to sustain an ideal energy mix of 50 percent renewable energy and 50 percent fuel-based plants.

MindaNOW Nurturing Our Waters Program

For development to be sustainable it should come without sacrificing the integrity of the environment. In line with this principle, MinDA organized River Basin Management Councils and Alliances. Of the eight major river basins in Mindanao, one RBO is already functional, five are established and two are now in the final organizing stage.

We also endorsed four river basin master plans to the Cabinet Cluster for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation which ensures mainstreaming of river basins' priorities in the budget of concerned agencies.

Under the MindaNOW! Nurturing Our Waters Program, we are implementing major projects that include the Critical Rivers Rapid Assessment, Barangay Forest StraTREEgic Project, River Basin Management Information System, and Mindanao Low Emission Development Strategies.

And of course, we are extremely proud of the success of the TreeVolution: Greening MindaNOW movement which earned the Philippines a Guinness World Record for most number of trees planted within one hour. More than breaking a world record, TreeVolution united thousands of Mindanawons for the common cause of re-greening Mindanao. To build on the gains of the TreeVolution MinDA organized the Mindanao Young TreeVolutionists Movement or MYTM.



Mindanao Halal Industry

One of our end-goals is to make Mindanao the country's halal center by encouraging private sector players to be part of the market. In efforts to achieve this goal, MinDA engaged in several initiatives with different government and private sector stakeholders to promote Mindanao's halal sector. These included MinDA's facilitation of the Halal recognition of Maharlika Agro-Marine Ventures in Dubai, which enabled the company to tap the UAE market for their Peking duck.

MinDA partnered with the University of Southern Mindanao, together with DA, DOST, and DOT in the conduct of the BIMP-EAGA International Halal Conference in March 2016, which provided perspectives on how the academe can help in the promotion and development of the local Halal industry through research and development and the crafting of a Halal curriculum.

Mindanao Collective Trademark (MCT) Project

In parallel efforts to provide Mindanao SMEs and products leverage in both local and international markets, MinDA launched the Mindanao Collective Trademark System on June 21, 2016. This initiative aims to improve the competitiveness of Mindanao SMEs and products for domestic and international markets through alignment with internationally recognized Voluntary Standards, which guarantee sound management practices, traceability and sustainability.

Inclusive Business Growth Program

In September 2014, together with the Philippine Business for Social Progress, MinDA launched the Mindanao Inclusive Agribusiness Program or MIAP to harness the rich agriculture-based economy of the region. MIAP has adopted the Mindanao corridors strategy to encourage investments that will spur job creation in impoverished areas that have the potential for processing crops such as banana, pineapple, rubber, cassava, coffee, cacao, coconut, corn, and rice into valuable products.

Mindanao Investments

Mindanao experienced a 175.54 average growth rate in foreign direct investments from 2011 to 2014. Its power, mineral development, real estate, and agribusiness sectors posted remarkable growth.

Mindanao's export trade also improved with an annual growth rate of 18.92 percent during this period. Top exports include coconut-based products and oils, fruits, charcoal, minerals, marine products and other world-class produce that are shipped to North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

Mindanao TIEZA Projects

In pushing for a more exciting Mindanao tourism industry, MinDA was able to secure budget support for several tourism projects across Mindanao. The first quarter of 2015 saw the endorsement of a list of 12 projects to the Tourism

Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority or TIEZA. The projects amounted to P193.7 million or 12.44 percent of the total P623,043,573 budget allocation for Mindanao in 2015.

Mindanao and the BIMP-EAGA

Since its creation, the BIMP-EAGA has completed several infrastructure projects through its Connectivity Pillar, and have put in place various policy support measures to facilitate transport connectivity and trade between the EAGA focus areas.

In efforts to strengthen the sub-region's ICT sector, the BIMP-EAGA Submarine and Terrestrial or BEST Cable is underway, and is expected to provide high-speed, reliable, and top of the rank internet connection among EAGA focus areas by 2016.

As for regional food security, the sub-region focused on the planting of hybrid rice and increased its areas planted by 47 percent from 113,893 hectares in 2013 to 167,107 hectares in 2014.





Initiatives on climate change vulnerability assessment were implemented to measure the community's resilience to climate change. An e-waste management program within EAGA and the Turtle Conservation and Ecotourism project were also conducted.

The Socio-Cultural and Education Pillar of EAGA was created to promote the sub-region's unique cultures and to deepen social cohesion and understanding within.

Mindanao Knowledge Center

MinDA forged partnerships with 34 Higher Education Institutions and Research organizations in order to create the Mindanao Knowledge Center-- a Think Tank for Mindanao. These partner institutions are committed to provide knowledge support for industry development and policy making. Current initiatives include policy research, innovation, and science and technology support to key industries and policy agenda.

Mindanao Policy Agenda

Mindanao 2020 envisions a vibrant socioeconomic landscape for Mindanao and pushes for policies that will facilitate the

achievement of this goal. These include the non-privatization of the Agus and Pulangi Hydroelectric Power Complexes, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Foreign Consortium Shipping Law, eliminating double collection of fees from fishing operations, instituting the Philippine Halal Export Development Program, institutionalize mechanisms for Payments for Ecosystem Services, establishment of centers of excellence, harmonize conflicting provisions of various land use and management laws, the Bangsamoro Basic Law, and the review of House Bill 5161.

Imperatives (2016 and Beyond)

Clearly we have achieved much, but we know that there is still so much work to be done. The M2020 has set the direction for us, and let us continue to push major imperatives for the island-region in the coming years.

Mindanao is home to more than 21 million hardworking people who toil to create a greener, more peaceful, and progressive future. This future may not happen soon, but it is attainable. It may require a lot of hard work, but we wish for it, and we will do it.